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APPLICANT(S): Hartmann *et al.* CONF. NO.: 2626
SERIAL NO.: 09/708,506 GROUP NO.: 1647
FILING DATE: November 9, 2000 EXAMINER: DeBerry, Regina M.
TITLE: Erythropoietin Forms with Improved Properties

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Sir:

The Office action of March 27, 2003, rejected claims 1-6, 10-14, 16-18, 24, and 25. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections is respectfully requested in view of the following amendments and remarks.

A petition and fee for a three-month extension of time for response, up to and including Monday, September 29, 2003, are enclosed. If any further petition or fee is required, please consider this a conditional petition therefor and authorization to charge Deposit Account No. 20-0531.